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TOPIC <u>Soviet Troops in Szombathely</u>		
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REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED Information</u>		

1. On 2 July 1954, the military installations in Szombathely (P48/C 78) were occupied by only guard details. In early April, the Soviet troops had been transferred to the Hajmáskor (P 48/D 79) troop training grounds by rail and road. In the afternoon of 2 July, 4 open, two-axle, 3-ton trucks were seen near Szombathely en route toward Söpte (P 48/C 79). The trucks were empty. Drivers seen wore red-bordered black epaulets. Jeep occupied by a driver, who wore black-bordered black epaulets, and a woman in civilian clothes, was seen on Honved Street on the same day.
2. On 2 July, a total of 26 Soviet soldiers and several trucks were seen in the former cavalry barracks on the east side of Honved Street. The installation appeared to be vacant. Two new garages with large doors were seen in the east section of the installation. The building near the main gate on Honved Street also appeared to be new. A sentry in front of the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch of service insignia. On 2 July, all was quiet at the Bagolyvár (Eulenburg) which had been used as Soviet troop quarters. The building, the main entrance of which was on Bagolyvári Street, was located north of Narai Street at the southwest perimeter of the town.

Comment. Elements of the Soviet 17th Gds Mech Div are stationed in Szombathely. The information on the transfer to summer camps and the occupation of the installations by guard details in April 1954 is believed to be correct. Camp Hajmáskor was previously reported as summer camp for Soviet units. The occupation by Soviet units of the cavalry barracks in Szombathely is again confirmed by the present information. The installation is located on Vároeshadsereg Street, formerly 11th Huszar Street, an extension of Honved Street beyond Honved Square. It was previously reported that the Bagolyvár Castle has been occupied by Soviet troops.

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